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Premier Dahlia Gardens

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63 Mertz Avenue

Hillside, N. J.

TO OUR DAHLIA LOVING FRIENDS

The name Premier is synonymous with superior stock, sturdy plants and high business principals. We express our thanks and appreciation to those that have given their support and are grateful for the many letters commending our stock, our square dealings and telling of successes with the roots and plants purchased of us. We will continue to render the utmost in service and make every transaction entirely satisfactory at all times.

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HERE ARE A FEW ABSTRACTS FROM NUMEROUS VOLUNTARY LETTERS RECEIVED THE PAST SEASON

From Conway, S. C.—“Your dahlias have been very satisfactory to me. I like to deal with you because you are fair and prompt, always giving good stock and fine service.”

From Scranton, Pa.—“I am more than satisfied with the stock I bought from you and certainly one can't expect any nearer 100% good growth than I had from your plants this season.”

From Raleigh, N. C.—“The plants we received of you were perfect in foliage and blooms; We made 23 entries and won 19 firsts and 3 seconds; We also won with everything we entered at the State Fair.”

From Waverly, Pa.—“I must say that the dahlias which I purchased from you were more than satisfactory and the results obtained far better than I had any idea they could be.”

From New Vienna, O.—“The blooms from the plants I bought of you were the finest I ever seen.”

From Covington, Ga.—“All the plants I bought of you last Spring did fine except one.”

From Devon, Pa.—“I have had one of my most successful seasons, thanks to you and your good stock.”

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OUR GREEN PLANTS are grown so as to give the maximum of results equal or superior to root stock. This is only accomplished by the selection of healthy vigorous roots benched in a moderate heat that will enable us to take stocky base cuttings. Only a reasonable number of cuttings are taken and none used that are spindly. After cuttings are rooted and potted and begin to grow they are moved to cooler quarters and later shifted to larger pots; at this stage small tubers are beginning to form, assuring that clumps will be obtained at digging time; the plants are later hardened off in “outside quarters” so as to withstand shipping and be in condition for planting out.

We have kept our list of varieties limited by retaining a very high percentage of those that are placed on the “Honor Roll” consecutive seasons.

P R E M I E R D A H L I A G A R D E N S

The varieties mentioned herein are of exceptional merit and may be grown to **Your Complete Satisfaction**, if you will **Dig Deep, Cultivate Regularly and Keep Insects Under Control**, particularly the leaf hopper. Cultural Instructions for growing "Giant Dahlias" are sent with each order.

(For spraying we use "Evergreen" or "Red Arrow.")

READ CAREFULLY

Terms: Cash with order or 25 % deposit, balance at shipping time. Orders over \$1.00 sent prepaid. In ordering green plants to be shipped further than 1st Zone, add 25 cents for **Special Delivery** to insure plants arriving in good growing condition. We pay all other charges.

Shipments: Roots, May 1st to June 1st. Plants, May 1st to June 10th.

Guarantee: All stock sent out in first class growing condition, guaranteed to be healthy and true to name and to grow if cared for on arrival and after planting and that all not proving such will be cheerfully replaced upon word from the purchaser.

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On retail orders amounting to \$5.00 to \$10.00, you may select **20% in additional stock free**; over \$10.00 **25% free**.

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Order Early to avoid disappointment, as orders are filled in rotation. The stock of some of the varieties is limited.

Sincerely yours,

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PREMIER DAHLIA GARDENS

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Free Stock Offers of 20% and 25%

1937 INTRODUCTIONS

Note:- We have taken the liberty of simplifying the "Achievement Medal Winners, (Mr. Leonard Barron in the American Home), the "Up-To-Date Dahlias (Mr. Barron in Flower Grower) and "The Dahlia Futurity (Mr. J. W. Johnston in House Beautiful), by classifying them as "Honor Roll' dahlias in memory of Derrill W. Hart.

AMERICAN PURITY—(Am. Dahlia Farms) S.C. Pure white with a creamy tint at the center the high deep flowers are borne on strong straight stems, petals fold back to stems. Am. Home Achievement Medal winner at Chicago. Grows Medium Tall. Plants \$7.50

CATHERINE CROOKS—(Crooks-Veile) I.D. One of the most beautiful clear lavenders with fine stems and foliage. Winner at Bangor, Pa., Beacon, N. Y. Camden, N. J., Philadelphia and New York City, and on Honor Roll. Plants \$5.00

DAVID COPPERFIELD—(Salem) I.D. Violet purple in color the giant blooms are on top of very long stems, blooms 10 to 12 inches with great depth and very high centers; midseason bloomer; Tall growing bushes. Plants \$5.00

DEAN ANDERSON—(Mad River) I.D. Tho disseminated to a limited extent in 1936 we are including this wonderful dahlia with the 1937 introductions. It is a true exhibition type of a new rare color, radiant henna orange; Extra long strong stems hold the giant blooms in an ideal position; foliage tough and insect resistant. Winner of many prizes. Medium height. Plants \$5.00

DREAM GIRL—(Lee) I.D. The most outstanding new dahlia in the Northwest, Winner of 2 Am. Home Achievement Medals, also winning sweepstakes for best undisseminated dahlia and winner of other prizes; Blooms are large (11x6 inches) and are held erect well above the foliage. Color a pleasing shade of salmon rose, tipped lightly with gold; Plants are medium tall and of good habits. Plants \$5.00 Net

GOLDEN GODDESS—(Crooks-Veile) I.D. A Massive flower of pure old gold that can easily be grown for the "Largest Dahlia" Class. Excellent stems and healthy foliage. A grand exhibition variety. Plants \$5.00

GREATER GLORY (O'Keefe) S.C. Rose pink blooms of great size on very long and straight stems, One of the most beautiful and artistic dahlias originated. Winner of 11 first prizes at National, Central States and other leading shows; also A.D.S. Medal. Will prove to be a real contender in the pinks. Plants \$10.00

HASHROVA () F. D. Varigated in colors similar to Peppermint Candy, this beautiful variety attracted considerable attention at the New York Show. Stems stiff, foliage healthy and growth of Plants medium height. Plants \$3.75

JIMMIE FOXX (Johnson) I. D. A truly spectacular dahlia of giant size; color coppery red tinged with henna. The flowers obtain a size of 13 inches in diameter by 8 inches depth and are supported by strong straight stems. The plant is an exceptionally sturdy grower having heavy foliage. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the New York Show; also the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal offered for the first time at this show. This Medal is considered by A. D. S. as the highest award in the seedling class. Further winnings are the American Home Achievement Medal and Michell Achievement Medal as the best seedling and the best dahlia at the Burholm Show. Winner also of the Penna. Horticultural Society Medal at the Philadelpia Show in the championship seedling class. Named in honor of "Jimmie Foxx" the popular baseball player of the Boston "Red Sox".

Roots \$15.00 Net Plants \$7.50

YELLOW MARVEL (Dane) F.D. A most attractive dahlia; Color, deep golden yellow with petals evenly tipped white; Stems long and rigid, heavy foliage and insect resistant. Giant exhibition type. Plants \$5.00

LE'JOY (Lee) I.D. An outstanding prize winner. Won 1st Prize for best Inf. Dec. and sweepstakes for best undisseminated dahlia at Washington Capital Show. A rare new color, very deep bluish orchid with many blooms tipped pure white; a most striking effect. Blooms are large size and of good depth, stems long and erect, Medium tall plants of good habits. Plants \$5.00

LILY PONS—(O'Keefe-Veile) I.D. A massive exhibition dahlia of a pure orange. A greatly needed color, and a dahlia that will rank with any of them for size. Flowers average 11x6 inches; stems strong and stiff; bushes medium to medium tall. Attracted much attention at the New York Show. Plants \$5.00

MISS OAKLAND—(Sjoberg-Oakleigh) F.D. pure white formal decorative, blooms 8 to 10 inches in diameter with good depth. Stems stiff, plants of vigorous growth, medium tall. One of the finest whites; scored 85.7 at East Lansing. Plants \$5.00 Net.

MISS OHIO—(Parenica) I.C. A medium sized incurved cactus of lilac rose good grower, early bloomer, long stiff stems; Awarded a Certificate of Merit, The American Achievement Medal, Derril W. Hart Memorial Medal, 3 A. D. S. Silver Medals and other prizes. Plants \$5.00

MOTHER MAYTROT (Berwick-Dahliadel) I.D. A white the dahlia world has long been waiting for: a good grower with healthy dark foliage strong erect stems, and remarkable good keeping qualities. Holds perfect center thruout the season; a profuse bloomer, the blooms are 10 and 11 inches across and have depth of 6 to 7 inches. Winner of The American Home Achievement Medal and the best bloom in the show at Washington, D. C. Certified at Storrs. Plants \$7.50

OPAL (Berwick-Dahliadel) I. D. This will be a great favorite in pastels as it is a soft salmon rose with lighter shadings and centers of light lemon yellow. Of large size and unique form it is a good keeper when cut, especially considering its size as it easily grows 11x6 inches. Certified at East Lansing. Plants \$5.00

PURPLE MIST—(Emmons-Ruschmohr) F. D. This distinctive novelty in color is of deep purple, stems long and stiff. Winner of the Achievement Medal at Cleveland. Received a Certificate of Merit at the East Lansing Trial Grounds. Plants \$5.00 (3 for \$12.50)

ROBERT L. RIPLEY—(Salem) I.D. Rhodamine purple with rose suffusions thruout the entire bloom. Immense in size; has been grown 16x12 inches, stem strong; bushes grow the height of 7ft. Winner of many firsts at both National Shows, Chicago and others, creating a sensation wherever shown. Will develop a full flower from a cut bud not even showing color. "Believe It or Not". Plants \$10.00

SINCERITY—(Dixon) I. D. A very light sulphur-yellow with broad petals, so pale under artificial light it looks white. Stems long and strong; foliage is dark green and leathery; early flowering. Size 10x3 to 4 inches. If you like this color you will like the flowers. Roots \$10.00 Plants \$5.00

SON OF SATAN (Slocum) S.C. to C. We are including this with the 1937 introductions tho it was disseminated to a limited extent last season. This variety scored 85.8 at East Lansing and was one of the outstanding varieties in our gardens, its flashy scarlet color attracting Immediate attention. Plants grow tall and have excellence substance, strong stems, insect resistant foliage. Floriferous. Roots \$15.00, Plants \$7.50

TELEVISION—(Straight-Dahliadel) I.D. Winner of 2 American Home Achievement Medals and awarded a Certificate of Merit at Storrs and also at East Lansing. Blooms are apricot suffused and shaded cardinal giving a general tone of reddish apricot. Flowers may be grown 12x5 inches. Stems, form, foliage and growing habits are all that could be desired. Plants \$5.00

WATCHUNG GIANT—(Smith) A border-line variety between formal and informal; It is a delightful color, light cadmium yellow with warm suffusion of rose. It is a very sturdy dahlia and foliage, stem and habits are excellent. Can be grown to great size. Roots \$10.00 Plants \$5.00

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Free choice of a root of Dixie Ravenscroft, Golden Standard or Lemonia, if 12 are ordered.

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Cape May
Challenger
Chinese Lantern
Daddy Kemp
Dulcinea
Golden Standard

Hillcrest Nugget
Judge Sam'l Seabury
Kay Francis
Major C. C. Messervy
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Jessica Dragonette

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Any 12 Plants for \$10.

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Free choice of a plant of Arelda Lloyd, Bette Davis or California Idol, with order for 10 plants; All 3 free with order for entire 25 plants

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Happiness
Hi-Lite
Margrace

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Miriam Hopkins
Mrs. Christine Groves
Mrs. Herbert O'Connor
Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen

Nancy Dunne
Oakleigh Monarch
Pride Of Austinburg
Sara Kay
Vin Well Titian

Free choice of a plant of Azura, Blue River or Miss Glory with order for 10 plants, All 3 free with order for entire 20 plants

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NOTE—WE WILL ADD AN EXTRA ROOT OR PLANT FOR ALL ORDERS FOR COLLECTIONS PLACED BY MARCH 1st.

WONDER DAHLIAS ALL

Grow The Prize Winners

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1937 LIST OF PRIZE WINNING CERTIFIED AND HONOR ROLL DAHLIAS

Abbreviations:- F. D. Formal Decorative; I. D. Informal Decorative; S. C. Semi-Cactus; C. Cactus.
Growing Heights are indicated as follows: L. Low; M. Medium; MT. Medium Tall; T. Tall

*1936 varieties

INTRODUCTIONS

	Height	Roots	Plants
ADIRONDACK SUNSET (I.D.).....	T	\$3.00	1.50
Scarlet and Yellow			
AMELIA EARHART (S.C.).....	M	2.00	1.00
Apricot Buff and Salmon			
ANNA BENDICT (I.D.).....	MT	2.50	1.25
Rich deep garnet			
ANN HARDING (I.D.).....	MT	5.00	*2.50
Pink and Gold			
ARELDA LLOYD (I.D.).....	MT	2.00	1.00
Lemon Yellow Suffused Rose			
AUDREY AMES (F.D.).....	M	5.00	*2.50
Ashes of Roses			
AUTUMN MOON (F.D.).....	M	—	1.50
Light Golden Yellow and Amber			
ANDENKEN W. LINDENSCHMIDT (S.C.).....	MT	3.00	*1.50
Deep Coral Pink, Giant			
AZURA (I.D.).....	T	7.50	*3.75
Massive Rosy Lilac, Bluish Sheen			
BETTE DAVIS (S.C.).....	M	4.00	2.00
Deep Lavender, Very Attractive			
BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (S.C.).....	M	4.00	*2.00
A beautiful White			
BETTY ZANE (I.D.).....	L	3.00	1.50
Deep Rose Pink, large			
BLUE RIVER (F.D.).....	M	4.00	*2.00
Bluish Mauve prize winner			
CALIFORNIA IDOL (I.D.).....	M	5.00	2.50
The best clear bright Yellow			
CALIFORNIA PEACH (S.C.).....	—		*3.75
Bright coral or peach pink			
CALIFORNIA ROSE (I.D.).....	MT	—	1.75
Clear bright Rose, very fine			
CAPE MAY C. INCURVED	T	3.00	1.50
Violet Rose, White center			
CHALLENGER (S.C.).....	M	3.00	1.50
Brilliant Cardinal Red			
CHINESE LANTERN (I.D.).....	M	3.00	1.50
Rose red, reverse of gold			
CLARA BARTON (I.D.).....	M	1.50	.75
Lavender, large			
CLARA CARDER (F. to I.D.).....	M	5.00	*2.50
Clear cyclamen pink, a giant			
CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT (I.D.).....	M	2.50	1.25
A beautiful rich burgandy			
DADDY KEMP (I.D.).....	MT	2.50	1.25
Massive purplish red			
DARCY SAINSBURY (F. to I.D.).....	M	—	*2.50
Immense clean white			
DEAN ANDERSON (I.D.).....	M	—	*5.00
Radiant henna orange			
DULCINEA (S.C.).....	M	—	*1.50
EDITH A. LEHMAN (I.D.).....	M	—	2.50
Old rose, tawny salmon reverse			
ELITE SPORT (F.D.).....	M	—	.75
Buff, striped crimson			

Discounts allowed on Quantity Orders

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	Height	Roots	Plants
EVA HUNT (I.D.)	MT	2.00	1.00
Beautiful waxy white			
FRANK SERPA (I.D.)	M	5.00	2.50
Orchid pink and wine red, A beauty			
GEORGE WASHINGTON (I.D.)	MT	—	*2.50
Rose pink, tipped silver			
GOLDEN STANDARD (I.C.)	T	3.00	1.50
Buff, shaded amber, good			
GOLDEN SWEEPSTAKES (I.D.)	M	7.50	*3.00
Golden buff, tinted apricot			
GOODWILL (S.C.)	MT	1.50	.75
Pink and Cream			
GRANDEE (I.D.)	L	1.50	.75
Spanish red and golden yellow			
GRAND SLAM (S.C.)	M	5.00	*2.50
Rose pink, lighter reverse			
HAPPINESS (F.D.)	M	5.00	*2.50
Begonia rose			
HILLCREST NUGGET (I.D.)	MT	3.00	1.50
Golden shades, flushed Chinese red			
HI-LITE (I.D.)	M	—	*2.50
Carmine and rose, reverse silver			
H. R. S. (I.D.)	MT	2.00	1.00
Deep golden yellow			
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (I.D.)	M	2.50	1.25
True purple			
JANE DEW (I.D.)	M	2.50	1.25
Very wonderful pink			
JESSICA DRAGONETTE (S.C.)	MT	3.00	1.50
A giant peach and Cream beauty			
JUDGE SAM'L SEABURY (I.D.)	M	3.00	1.50
Heliotrope and white			
KAY FRANCIS (S.C.)	MT	—	1.25
Lemon yellow			
KENTUCKY SUN (I.D.)	MT	—	*2.50
Clear golden yellow, Giant			
KITTY MAC (I.D.)	M	7.50	*3.75
Reddish purple			
LADY MOYRA PONSONBY (I.D.)	M	1.50	.75
Giant golden yellow			
LEMONIA (S.C.)	MT	2.50	1.25
Lemon yellow			
LORD OF AUTUMN (I.D.)	M	2.50	1.50
Rich golden yellow			
MAJOR BOWES (I.D.)	M	—	*2.50
Geranium red			
MAJOR C. C. MESSERVY (I.D.)	M	3.00	1.50
Bright gold and bronze, very large			
MAN O'WAR (I.D.)	T	2.00	1.00
Dark velvety red			
MARGRACE (I.D.)	MT	5.00	*2.50
Bright red tipped gold			
MARY RETZER (S.C.)	M	2.50	1.25
A pink Edna Ferber			
MAY ROBSON (S.C.)	MT	—	1.50
Clear bright pink, a beauty			
MICHAEL GALLAGHER (F.D.)	MT	4.00	*2.00
Rosy lilac			
MID WEST (C. Incurved)	M	7.50	3.75
Deep lavender rose			
MID WEST CHAMPION (I.D.)	MT	5.00	*2.50
Violet rose and primrose			

Make Up your own Collection for Quotation

P R E M I E R D A H L I A G A R D E N S

	Height	Roots	Plants
MILTON J. CROSS (I.D.).....T	10.00	*5.00	
Immense yellow and amber			
MIRIAM HOPKINS (S.C.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Copper-orange effect			
MISS GLORY (S.C.).....M	7.50	*3.75	
Apricot yellow, very fine			
MISS WEST VIRGINIA (C.).....MT	—	*3.75	
Beautiful clear mauve			
MONMOUTH QUEEN (F.D.).....MT	2.00	1.00	
Picric yellow			
MRS. CHRISTINE GROVES (F.D.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Clear yellow, tipped lavender			
MRS. GEORGE LeBOUITILLIER (I.D.)....M	2.50	1.25	
Giant, rich velvety carmine			
MRS. HERBERT O'CONNOR (C.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Rose pink, incurved to straight			
MRS. STEPHEN VAN HOESSEN (F.D.)....M	5.00	*2.50	
A blending of salmon, peach & pink			
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (I.D.).....MT	3.00	1.50	
Hugh dark garnet red			
NANCY DUNNE (I.D.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Shrimp pink			
NEW DEAL (F.D.).....M	2.00	1.00	
Brilliant orange red			
OAKLEIGH MONARCH (I.D.).....M	—	*2.00	
Bright oriental red			
PRIDE OF AMERICA (S.C.).....MT	—	*3.75	
Primrose yellow			
PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG (I.D.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Grenadine pink and light yellow			
ROBERT EMMET (I.D.).....M	1.50	.75	
Bright cardinal			
ROYAL PURCHASE (I.C.).....M	—	*3.75	
Straw yellow and pink			
ROYAL ROBE (I.D.).....MT	—	2.00	
Royal purple, reverse silver			
RUDOLF'S GIANT (I.D.).....M	—	*5.00	
Bright buff apricot			
SARA KAY (S.C.).....MT	5.00	*2.50	
Rich golden yellow, large			
SATAN (S.C.).....T	1.00	.50	
Scarlet and yellow			
SEAL'S LADY OF SHALLOT (I.D.).....MT	—	2.50	
Gold, apricot and bronze			
SON OF SATAN (S.C. to C.).....MT	—	*7.50	
Fiery scarlet			
SPINNING WHEEL (I.D.).....M	5.00	2.50	
Cardinal red tipped white			
SULTAN OF HILLCREST (F.D.).....M	2.00	1.00	
Clear gold flushed bronze			
THE FIREMAN (I.D.).....T	1.50	.75	
Scarlet and gold			
TOWER'S EMPIRE (I.D.).....T	3.00	1.50	
Clear gold, amber at center			
VIN WELL TITIAN (I.D.).....MT	—	*2.50	
Tan, suffused copper red			
WASHINGTON GIANT (I.D.).....MT	2.00	1.00	
Lavender, streaked silver			
WATCHUNG SENSATION (I.D.).....M	—	1.25	
Champagne color			
WENOKA (F.D.).....M	3.00	1.50	
Rosy mauve			

All Our Stock Grown Without Forcing

HOW TO GROW GIANT DAHLIAS

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special skill to bring them to perfection.

They prefer a sunny location but do well in partial shade but should not be planted near large trees or close to buildings.

They grow best in light, porous soil having good drainage. Sand, pulverized wall plaster, or fine coal ashes should be added to lighten heavy clayey soils.

If manure is used it should be well rotted (best applied in the Fall) and thoroughly mixed with the soil which should be dug deep (12 to 18 inches).

A green cover crop of Winter Rye planted in the Fall and turned under in the Spring will add valuable humus to the soil. If the ground is worked over early in the Spring, good results will be obtained by planting a cover of Oats and Canada Field Peas. Green cover crops should not be permitted to grow tall and harden and should be turned under when about 12 inches high. They will then rot in from two to three weeks without loss of their benefits. About a week before planting time broadcast and spade under, commercial fertilizer of 4 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 7 per cent potash (advertised as 4-8-7). Five pounds should cover approximately 200 square feet.

Dahlias may be planted from May 1st to July 1st, but in this locality June 1st to June 15th is best. They should be planted three feet apart in rows and the rows should be at least three feet apart, four feet or more is better if room is available.

Drive a stake to support each plant. The stake should be four or five feet above ground.

Never plant clumps, but separate the tubers, planting only one in each hole, being sure they have a growing eye. Lay tuber flat with eye up and two or three inches from the stake and about six inches deep. Cover two inches with pulverized soil gradually filling to level as plant progresses. Keep the top soil finely pulverized at all times by cultivating frequently; never allow it to harden.

Watch for cut worms and protect plants from same by placing a ring of roof paper cut three and one-half inches high about the plant. If plant does not do well examine it closely and if it contains a stalk borer a small hole will be found in the side. Squirt a few drops of a mild solution of Black Leaf 40 in the hole. If the plant does not improve in a few days cut back the plant until you find the borer. Shade the plant from direct rays of sun for two or three days and it will in all probability make a quick recovery and a healthy growth. If troubled with Aphis or Leaf Hopper spray with "Evergreen" or "Red Arrow." Red Spider may be controlled by spraying foliage with hose. A very thin solution of glue used as a spray is highly recommended for Red Spider.

Some growers make compact bushes of their plants by pinching out the top when three sets of leaves appear.

Never allow more than one or two stalks to grow (the flowers will be finer if only one is permitted), pull out all others.

Tie plants to stakes securely as they grow in height.

About August 1st broadcast unleached wood ashes over the soil, using about one-half pound to each hill. Keep this a few inches away from the Dahlia stalks and scatter about the plant in circle about 12 inches wide.

When buds appear scrape away enough earth and put in a trowel full of sheep manure, replace the earth and water with two or three pails of water. Repeat every two weeks and wonderful blooms may be had.

Stop cultivation and give plenty of water when flowers appear. A thorough wetting of the soil once a week will improve the blooms extensively. Disbud for large blooms by removing the two side buds, leaving main bud on each shoot; also remove the laterals below this bud to the third or fourth set; this will make long stems to your blooms.

After the frost kills the plants, dig carefully so the necks of the tubers will not be broken; cut back the stalks to eliminate the hollow stems, dust with a mixture of powdered sulphur and hydrated lime; place in paper lined boxes or barrels, covering with paper, bags or carpet. Dry clean sand or dried peat is also used successfully for storage. Keep in cool, dry place and examine from time to time. Do not permit them to dry out and remove decay or mold if found.

In Spring, when eyes have developed, divide clumps with sharp knife or shears, leaving eye to each tuber.

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GREEN PLANTS

Set green plants so that the earth ball is from two inches below surface of the ground where soil is heavy, to three inches in light soil. If of a clayey nature add sand or ashes, working or mixing well into the soil. Water well and protect from sun for two or three days.

Note—We shade our newly set plants with shingles, pitching them at an angle to afford more shade, and set in a three-quarter circle with open end toward the North.

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